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## Unemployment Rate

The Hawai'i State Department of Labor and Industrial Relations recently announced that the statewide unemployment rate was 4.4 percent in April, a slight increase of 0.1 percentage point compared with the March rate of 4.3 percent.

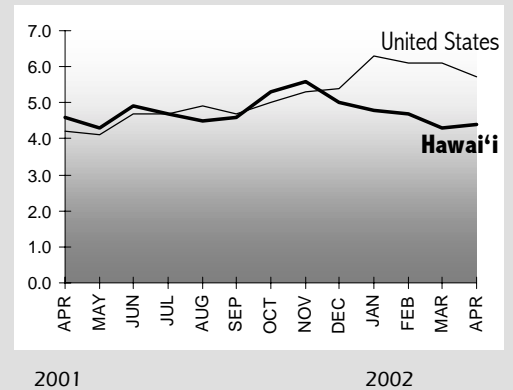
The national unemployment rate in April was 5.7 percent, a drop of 0.4 percentage point from the previous month.

One year ago, in April 2001, the statewide unemployment rate was 4.6 percent.

The latest unemployment rate reflected a statewide labor force comprised of 573,700 employed and 26,300 unemployed.

DATA SOURCE: Local Area Unemployment Statistics, Research & Statistics Office, Hawai'i State Department of Labor & Industrial Relations; Current Population Survey, Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor.

### MONTHLY UNEMPLOYMENT RATES



In each of the first four months of 2002, Hawai'i's unemployment rate remained below 5 percent and over one percentage point lower than the national unemployment rate.

## Nonagricultural Jobs

In another measure of employment, total non-agricultural jobs in April declined by 6,700 over-the-month.

Most of the contraction was attributed to the "inter-session" break at public schools, which contributed largely to a drop of 5,800 in the public education sector as a whole.

Primarily as a result of seasonal factors, private education decreased by 500 jobs.

Retail trade also experienced job losses, as eating and drinking establishments declined by 400 jobs.

On the positive side, there were job gains in construction and transportation. Construction added 400 jobs, while transportation, excluding air transportation, grew by 300 jobs.

DATA SOURCE: Current Employment Statistics, Research & Statistics Office, Hawai'i State Department of Labor & Industrial Relations.

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# Labor Force Estimates; Nonagricultural Wage & Salary Jobs (Hawai'i)

Data in thousands; all data unadjusted

	STATE OF HAWAI'I			HONOLULU COUNTY			HAWAI'I COUNTY			KAUA'I COUNTY			MAUI COUNTY		
	APR 2002	MAR 2002	APR 2001	APR 2002	MAR 2002	APR 2001	APR 2002	MAR 2002	APR 2001	APR 2002	MAR 2002	APR 2001	APR 2002	MAR 2002	APR 2001
<b>LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES</b>															
CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE	600.0	600.4	605.6	425.1	427.1	429.2	71.5	70.6	72.3	29.0	29.0	30.1	74.5	73.7	74.0
EMPLOYED	573.7	574.5	577.9	407.8	410.0	412.5	67.3	66.8	66.8	27.5	27.4	27.7	71.2	70.3	70.9
UNEMPLOYED	26.3	25.9	27.7	17.2	17.1	16.6	4.2	3.8	5.4	1.6	1.7	2.4	3.3	3.4	3.2
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE	4.4%	4.3%	4.6%	4.1%	4.0%	3.9%	5.9%	5.4%	7.5%	5.4%	5.7%	8.1%	4.5%	4.6%	4.3%

## NONAG. WAGE & SAL. JOBS

TOTAL	545.7	552.4	555.1	404.3	410.7	412.5	54.7	54.6	54.2	25.5	25.7	25.7	61.2	61.4	62.3
CONSTRUCTION & MINING	24.6	24.2	23.5	17.3	17.1	16.5	3.1	3.0	3.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	3.2	3.1	2.9
MANUFACTURING	17.7	17.6	17.9	13.9	13.9	14.1	1.6	1.6	1.6	0.4	0.4	0.5	1.7	1.7	1.8
DURABLE GOODS	4.2	4.1	4.2	3.5	3.5	3.5	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.3	0.3	0.4
NONDURABLE GOODS	13.5	13.5	13.7	10.4	10.4	10.6	1.3	1.3	1.3	0.4	0.4	0.4	1.4	1.4	1.4
TRANSP., COMM., & UTIL.	39.0	38.8	43.0	30.0	29.8	33.7	2.8	2.7	2.8	1.8	1.8	1.8	4.4	4.5	4.6
TRANSPORTATION	29.5	29.2	33.1	22.7	22.3	25.9	2.0	2.0	2.1	1.4	1.5	1.5	3.4	3.5	3.6
AIR TRANSPORTATION	12.4	12.4	13.5	10.1	10.1	11.2	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.5	0.5	0.5	1.1	1.1	1.1
COMMUNICATION	6.0	6.2	6.5	5.1	5.2	5.5	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.5	0.5	0.5
UTILITIES	3.4	3.4	3.4	2.3	2.3	2.3	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.5	0.5	0.5
TRADE	131.8	132.5	136.4	94.2	94.6	97.6	13.3	13.5	13.6	7.2	7.3	7.4	17.0	17.1	17.7
WHOLESALE	20.4	20.2	20.8	16.3	16.0	16.5	2.2	2.2	2.2	0.5	0.5	0.5	1.4	1.5	1.4
RETAIL	111.4	112.3	115.7	78.0	78.6	81.1	11.1	11.3	11.4	6.7	6.8	6.9	15.5	15.6	16.2
GENERAL MERCHANDISE	10.9	11.0	11.3	7.0	7.1	7.7	1.8	1.8	1.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	1.4	1.4	1.2
GROCERY	11.0	11.1	11.2	7.1	7.2	7.2	1.6	1.6	1.7	0.8	0.8	0.8	1.5	1.5	1.5
APPAREL & ACCESS.	7.1	7.2	8.2	5.0	5.1	6.0	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.5	0.4	1.2	1.2	1.3
EATING & DRINKING EST.	49.1	49.5	50.6	34.9	35.2	35.7	4.1	4.2	4.2	3.0	3.0	3.1	7.2	7.2	7.6
FINANCE, INS., REAL EST.	32.9	32.9	32.6	26.6	26.6	26.4	2.3	2.3	2.2	1.1	1.1	1.1	2.8	2.8	2.8
SERVICES & MISC.	184.6	185.2	185.7	131.0	131.7	131.4	20.0	19.8	19.7	9.8	9.8	9.8	23.9	23.9	24.6
HOTELS	36.7	36.8	39.3	15.0	15.0	16.5	6.9	7.0	7.1	3.7	3.7	3.9	11.1	11.1	11.7
HEALTH SERVICES	37.9	37.7	36.7	30.4	30.3	29.8	3.3	3.3	2.9	1.6	1.6	1.5	2.6	2.6	2.5
HOSPITALS	13.6	13.6	13.5	12.5	12.5	12.5	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.1	0.1	0.1
HEALTH SVC., EX. HOSPITALS	24.3	24.2	23.1	17.9	17.8	17.3	3.0	3.0	2.6	0.9	0.9	0.9	2.4	2.4	2.4
BUSINESS SERVICES	31.5	31.7	30.6	26.5	26.8	25.8	2.2	2.1	2.0	0.6	0.6	0.6	2.1	2.1	2.1
SOCIAL SERVICES	14.4	14.4	14.1	10.0	10.1	9.8	2.2	2.2	2.3	0.5	0.5	0.4	1.7	1.7	1.5
EDUCATIONAL SERVICES	11.3	11.8	11.3	10.0	10.5	10.0	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.6	0.6	0.5
ENG., ACCTG., MGT. SVC.	11.4	11.5	11.2	9.0	9.0	8.8	0.8	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.7	0.7	0.6
GOVERNMENT	115.1	121.2	116.0	91.2	97.1	92.8	11.6	11.6	11.2	4.2	4.2	4.1	8.2	8.2	7.9
FEDERAL	30.0	29.9	30.0	28.0	28.0	28.1	1.0	1.1	1.0	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.5
STATE	68.5	74.5	69.4	51.8	57.7	53.3	8.3	8.2	8.0	2.7	2.7	2.7	5.8	5.8	5.5
EDUCATION	43.5	49.4	45.3	33.8	39.6	35.9	4.9	4.9	4.7	1.6	1.6	1.6	3.3	3.3	3.1
LOCAL	16.7	16.8	16.5	11.4	11.4	11.3	2.3	2.3	2.3	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.9	1.9	1.9

N.D. = Less than 50 or Not Disclosed.

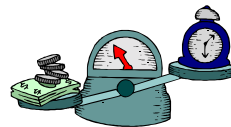
NOTE: Totals may not add due to rounding. Data for current month is preliminary; other months are revised. State of Hawai'i & Honolulu County job data are in cooperation with the U.S. Dept. of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics. Total jobs include multiple jobholders & exclude nonagricultural self-employed, unpaid family workers, domestics. Estimates include all full- or part-time wage & salary employees who worked/received pay during the week including the 12th of the month. State government data includes all paid positions or jobs in the executive, legislative and judiciary branches, as reported in the Dept. of Accounting & General Services payroll report. It differs from Dept. of Human Resources Development figures, which counts civil service & exempt employees & their full-time equivalency in the executive branch.

## Labor Force Estimates (U.S.)

Data in thousands; all data unadjusted.

	APR 2002	MAR 2002	APR 2001
CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE	141,886	142,092	141,073
EMPLOYED	133,740	133,433	135,122
UNEMPLOYED	8,146	8,659	5,951
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE	5.7%	6.1%	4.2%

## Hours & Earnings



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INDUSTRY	PRODUCTION WORKERS	AVG. WEEKLY EARNINGS	AVG. WEEKLY HOURS	AVG. HOURLY EARNINGS
Construction & Mining	18,000	\$1,092.38	37.5	\$29.13
Manufacturing	11,300	511.58	35.7	14.33
Communications & Utilities	7,900	981.80	41.2	23.83
Trade	115,700	297.40	29.1	10.22
Wholesale Trade	17,300	480.38	38.4	12.51
Retail Trade	98,400	265.65	27.5	9.66
Eating & Drinking Establishments	44,900	188.19	24.6	7.65
Deposit & Nondepository Institutions	5,700	480.98	36.3	13.25
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	33,400	450.04	32.4	13.89

# Workforce Development Division Applicant Profiles

Listed below are some of the applicants registered with the  
Hawai'i State Workforce Development Division.  
Interested employers are urged to call the number following each profile.

**A & P Mechanic:** US Air Force veteran. Seeks A&P aircraft mechanic position. Extensive military & civilian exper. in field w/many certifications. Very good attitude; eager to work full-time. Open pay. Call Gary Tasaka at 675-0013 (Waipahu Office).

**Admin. Asst./Clerical:** Recently separated veteran. Ext. Army admin. exper. Up-to-date computer skills. Pay neg. Call Michael Fee at 586-8718 (Honolulu Office).

**Admin. Clerk:** US Army veteran. Knowledge of office mgmt. systems & procedures. Skills incl. answering telephones, bookkeeping, typing, word process., ofc. machine operation & filing. Asking \$7/hr. Call Reggie Conarton at 974-4126 (Hilo Office).

**Air Traffic Controller/Instructor:** Recently separated US Navy veteran. Extensive air traffic controller/instructor exper. Computer skills. Pay negotiable. Call Michael Fee at 586-8718 (Honolulu Office).

**Bus Driver:** Army veteran. Recently trained as bus driver at LCC. Pay negotiable. Call Michael Fee at 586-8718 (Honolulu Office).

**Carpenter:** US Army veteran. Recently discharged with 5 years of carpentry exper. Good working attitude and extensive knowledge on construction work. Asking \$15/hr. to start. Call Donn Mitsuyuki at 984-2091 (Wailuku Office).

**CDL A Truck Driver:** US Navy veteran. 10+ years on the road with no accidents. Has CDL A with HazMat, tanker, dump truck tri-axle endorsements. Has resume. Pay negotiable. Call Clyde Kawakami at 973-8387 (Vet Center).

**Clerical-Accounting/Bookkeeping:** Veteran. Seeking full time employment to continue career in clerical field (computer & accounting). Skills and exper. in banking collection and accounts payable with various companies. Has customer service skills - in-person and telephonically. Recently completed computer and accounting classes (LCC) to upgrade skills. Asking \$9+/hr. Call Kathy at 675-0012 (Waipahu Office).

**Computer Information Specialist:** Recently separated US Air Force veteran computer information specialist. Interested in computer networking type work. Call Eric Nordmeier at 274-3056 (Kauai Office).

**Diesel Engine Specialist:** US Army veteran. Diagnose, adjust, repair, or overhaul trucks, buses & all types of diesel engines. Incl. mechanics working primarily w/auto diesel engines. Asking \$10/hr. Call Reggie Conarton at 974-4126 (Hilo Office).

**Hazardous Materials/Waste Handler:** Recently separated veteran. Exper. in hazardous materials and waste operations. Managed hazardous materials for entire shooting range valued at over \$50,000. Knowledgeable in computer programs HMIS, MS Word, Excel, PowerPoint, and able to locate MSDS's on internet. Call Susan Lim at 233-3670 (Kaneohe Office).

**Information Tech:** US Navy veteran. Seeks an IT or related position. Extensive military data systems tech exper. with excellent civilian exper. in IT management with major US company. Japanese speaking. Excellent attitude with very good interpersonal skills. Open pay. Call Gary Tasaka at 675-0013 (Waipahu Office).

**Instrument Mechanic, Weapons Systems/Precision Instrument Repairer:** Recently separated veteran with Secret Clearance. 5 years exper. in maintenance of electro-optical, opto-mechanic, electronic and machine assemblies, sub-assemblies and system. Exper. in MS Win, MS Office Suite, C/C++, Math CAD, Mat Lab, and mathematics. Call Susan Lim at 233-3670 (Kaneohe Office).

**Law Enforcement:** Recently separated veteran. 4 years of Security Police exper. with Secret Clearance. Exper. in law enforcement, hazardous material awareness, and surveillance. Call Susan Lim at 233-3670 (Kaneohe Office).

**Maintenance Electrician:** US Air Force veteran. 10+ years exper. in this field. Has State of Hawaii Maintenance Electricians' license. Has resume. Pay negotiable. Call Clyde Kawakami at 973-8387 (Vet Center).

**Mgmt./Human Res./Acctg.:** US Army veteran. Seeks a human resources or related position. BS - Business Administration and Accounting. Extensive military exper. as a recruiting station commander, career counselor and office manager. Very good attitude and intelligent. Open pay. Call Gary Tasaka at 675-0013 (Waipahu Office).

**Operations Mgr.:** US Army veteran. Several years production & operation mgmt. exper. Worked with major technology and industrial outfits. Ppositive and can do attitude. Salary negotiable. Call Donn Mitsuyuki at 984-2091 (Wailuku Office).

**Outside Salesperson:** Veteran. 20+ years outside exper. with travel industry. Extensive knowledge in hotel, airlines and convention sales around the US. Positive can do attitude. Call Donn Mitsuyuki at 984-2091 (Wailuku Office).

**Personal Fitness Trainer:** Combat veteran. Seeking employment as personal fitness trainer. Exper. in supervising personnel and managing theater operations. Call Eric Nordmeier at 274-3056 (Kauai Office).

**Print/Press Operator:** US Army veteran. Many years in the field. Operated almost all types of printing presses. Has resume. Pay negotiable. Call Clyde Kawakami at 973-8387 (Vet Center).

**Property Manager:** US Army veteran. 10+ years of property mgmt. exper. in visitor market. Excellent oral & written communication. Very innovative and positive in his work abilities. Salary negotiable. Call Donn Mitsuyuki at 984-2091 (Wailuku Office).

**Security:** Recently separated US Army veteran. Seeking position in security/protective service. 6 years exper. guarding restricted areas. Weapons qualified - expert with various weapons incl. the 9mm, M-4, carbine rifle. Expert in Urban Combat Tactics. Government secret security clearance. Able to make difficult decisions in stressful situations. Very motivated. Available immediately. Salary negotiable. Call Kathy at 675-0012 (Waipahu Office).

**Sheet Metal Worker:** US Marine Corps veteran. Journey level, 15 years exper. in fabrication & installation of heating & A/C systems, gutters, flashing, water diversion, and metal roofing. Asking \$15/hr. Call Reggie Conarton at 974-4126 (Hilo Office).

**Small Engine Repairer:** Disabled veteran. Seeking work in payroll, small engine repair, bus driver, and warehouse person. Has both military and federal civil service exper. as pay clerk. Call Eric Nordmeier at 274-3056 (Kauai Office).

**Sous Chef:** Veteran. 20+ years cooking exper. in restaurants & hotels. Able to fabricate all different types of cuisine. Good oral & written communication skills, ability to manage the kitchen. Call Donn Mitsuyuki at 984-2091 (Wailuku Office).

On October 13, 1994, then-President Bill Clinton signed into law the Uniformed Services Employment & Reemployment Rights Act, a complete rewrite of and replacement for the Veterans' Reemployment Rights law. Most of USERRA's provisions were effective December 12, 1994 and most were be codified at Title 38, USC, Chapter 43. For more information regarding this important piece of legislation and its effect on the business community contact Mr. Gil Hough, Director of Veterans Employment & Training Service, US Dept. of Labor at 586-8827 or the Hawaii State Veterans Program Specialist, Dept. of Labor & Industrial Relations at 586-8881.

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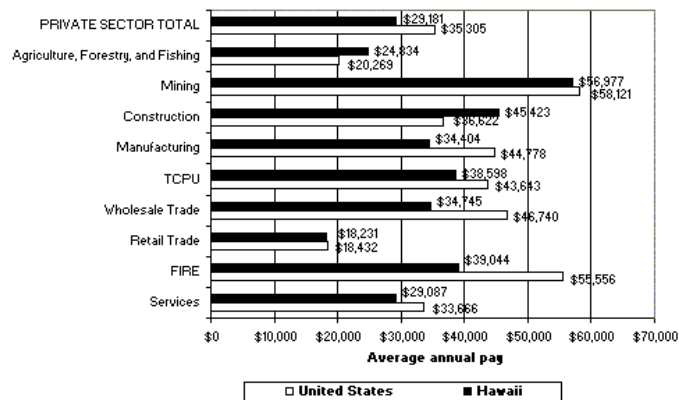
The *Hawai'i Labor Market Information Directory* was recently released. It is a guide to the labor market publications and data that are available from the Research & Statistics Office.

Another report that was just produced by the Research & Statistics Office is entitled *Computer Technology Opportunities in Hawai'i*. This article deals with computer-related occupations such as programmers, systems analysts, support specialists, engineers, and information systems managers. It includes information on what industries have these jobs, what kind of pay they make, how many are employed in these occupations, demand and growth, preparation needed to qualify for these jobs, and the skills, knowledge, and abilities needed in these occupations.

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**Average Annual Pay by Private Industry Division  
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